

SENATE RESOLUTION 195
By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Todd Alan Wright, 2004
Salutatorian of Rockwood High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Todd Alan Wright is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Rockwood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Todd Wright has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Todd Wright has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has been named to the Rockwood Honor Roll, the National Honor Roll, and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, an active participant and leader in extracurricular activities at Rockwood High School, Mr. Wright's extensive involvement has included Roane County Student Government Day, Mathematics Tutor, Student Council Representative, American Legion Boy's State Delegate, Talent and Gifted Program, National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., Prom Committee, Homecoming Committee and Events, Office Volunteer, Guest Speaker at Rockwood Rotary Club, and Rockwood Civitan Club, and the R.S.C.C. Academic Festival; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an aptitude for leadership, Todd Wright has ably served as the Vice President of the Freshman Class, Vice President of the National Beta Club, President

of the RHS Junior Civitan Club, and Lt. Deputy Governor of the Appalachian District of the Junior Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete, Mr. Wright has been an essential member of the Rockwood baseball, basketball, and tennis teams; he has served as co-captain and captain of the tennis team and been named a Gatorade Will to Win Athlete; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's accomplishments and promise have been evident during his high school tenure, and he has received numerous local and national awards, including, Third Place at the Team Competition of the 2001-2002 R.S.C.C. Academic Festival for Chemistry Exam Year One, Second Place at the Team Competition of 2002-2003 R.S.C.C. Academic Festival for Chemistry Exam Year One, the USAA National History and Government Award, the TSSAA Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Award, The National Society of High School Scholars, Tennessee Mathematics Teacher's Association Certificate of Participation, Scholar's Bowl (UTK) Certificate of Participation, Department of Energy Tennessee Science Bowl Certificate of Appreciation, Letter Award, Boy Scout Merit Badge College Certificate of Appreciation, and Department of Energy Tennessee Science Bowl Civility Award; and

WHEREAS, Todd Wright's extensive involvement has extended beyond the classroom into the surrounding community; he has participated in Operation R.E.A.C.H., Relay for Life Cancer Walk, Michael Dunn Center, Rockwood Beautification Week, St. Jude's Cancer Research Dinner, Florence Crittenton Agency (Students Teaching and Respecting Sexuality), Duratek Basketball Tournament for Polio, and Roane County School Board Meetings, where he lobbied on behalf of students for changes to school policies; and

WHEREAS, a devout and active member of Clymersville Baptist Church, Todd Wright participates in the church's youth group and choir; and

WHEREAS, Todd Wright's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future endeavors at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Tammy Jean Jones and Gary Alan Wright, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wright's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2004 Rockwood High School Salutatorian, Todd Alan Wright, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a successful and happy future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.